

This trail parallels Forest Road #713 for 1/4 mile and then borders Bald Mountain Reservoir on its west side before climbing 3/4 mile to the north east corner of Bald Mountain. The spectacular back section of the trail look into the heart of the West Elk Wilderness. The trail drops steeply to join the Piburn Trail #880 one mile further. The Piburn Trail then continues east one mile to join the Curecanti Trail #870. Due to high elevation and deep snow pack, the trail usually isn't open until mid to late July.

Don't forget your camera!

Be prepared for inclement weather at all times.

Familiarize yourviews from the steep switch





Familiarize yourself with the area.



Trail Ethics:

The Bald Mountain Tie-In is maintained for foot. bicycles and horse travel. Please don't cut across switchbacks or create new trails.

Motors & Machines:

Motorized vehicles are not allowed on the Bald Mountain Tie-In.







Drinking Water:

DO NOT drink water directly from a river or stream. Water needs to be treated first by either filtering, boiling for at least 10 minutes or treating with iodine tablets.

Multiple use:

As you use this area you may notice that the Forest is managed for a broad range of uses. Recreation use alone includes hiking, horseback riding, hunting, and sightseeing. In addition, the vegetation in the Forest requires some form of management. Livestock grazing is a form of land management you may encounter while using this area. The livestock grazing on this area is managed in a very progressive and specific manner. The fences and gates that you may see are critical to managing the livestock and meeting the resource objectives that are planned for this area. Please close all gates that you open as you travel through the area. Controlling the livestock in the manner that we have planned is important.

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Please don't litter!

Bald Mountain Tie-In

Length 2.3 Miles



The Bald Mountain Tie-In Intersection with the Mendicant Trail #884





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Trail Beginning:: Bald Mountain Reservoir off Forest Road #713.

Trail Ending:: At the intersection with the Piburn Trail #880.

Access #1: Travel west of Paonia on Hwy 133 for 11 miles to the town of Hotchkiss. Turn left onto Hwy 92 and continue for 10 miles to the town of Crawford. Continue south on Hwy 92 for another 11 miles to Crystal Creek Road #713. Turn left onto road #713 and continue for approximately 18 miles to the Trail Head. Limited parking is available at the trail head with additional parking and camping spots 1/4 mile farther at Bald Mountain Reservoir.

Use: Foot and Horse

Recommended Seasons:

Spring Summer Fall Winter

USGS quad maps: Mount Guero

Dispersed Camping

Dispersed camping is permitted in most areas of the Forest. Recreation maps are available at all local **Forest Service offices** and personnel can answer questions on specific sites. Camping in undeveloped areas requires more from the camper to help keep the site in the condition in which it was found. If you pack it in-Pack it out!

Fire Safety:

Check in with your local Forest Service office to see if fire bans are in effect.



Elevation Profile:







